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Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a)  
Expedited Procedure - Examining Group 3763

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Alfred E. Mann et al. ) Examiner: A. Lam  
Serial No.: 09/334,858 )  
Filed: June 16, 1999 ) Art Unit: 3763  
For: EXTERNAL INFUSION DEVICE WITH )  
REMOTE PROGRAMMING, BOLUS )  
ESTIMATOR AND/OR VIBRATION ALARM )  
CAPABILITIES )

**REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW PRIOR TO APPEAL**

**BOX AF**  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached to this request, is a response to the July 9, 2001 final Office Action in the above-identified application. After reviewing the response, and if the Examiner determines that an Advisory Action will be mailed, the applicants expressly request an interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor prior to the mailing of such Advisory Action to discuss this case in preparation for appeal.

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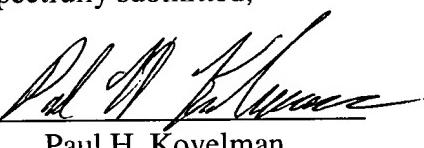
If for any other reason the Examiner finds an interview desirable, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5313 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: September 10, 2001

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